

REMARKS

[0002] Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims of the application. Claims 1-15 and 21-34 are presently pending. Claims 16-18 are canceled herein. No claims are withdrawn herein. No new claims are added herein.

Statement of Substance of Interview

[0003] The Examiner graciously talked with me—the undersigned representative for the Applicant—on Monday, June 2, 2008. Applicant greatly appreciates the Examiner's willingness to talk. Such willingness is invaluable to both of us in our common goal of an expedited prosecution of this patent application.

[0004] During the interview, in the interest of expediting prosecution, I initially proposed amendments to claims 16-18 and discovered that such amendments would make these claims extremely similar to other pending claims. Without conceding the propriety of the § 101 rejections, I proposed to cancel these claim amendments to advance prosecution.

[0005] Applicant herein cancels claims 16-18 as discussed during the interview. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the pending claims are allowable as previously found by the Examiner.

Formal Request for an Interview

[0006] If the Examiner's reply to this communication is anything other than allowance of all pending claims, then I formally request an interview with the Examiner. I encourage the Examiner to call me—the undersigned representative for the Applicant—so that we can talk about this matter so as to resolve any outstanding issues quickly and efficiently over the phone.

[0007] Please contact me or my assistant to schedule a date and time for a telephone interview that is most convenient for both of us. While email works great for us, I welcome your call to either of us as well. Our contact information may be found on the last page of this response.

Allowable Subject Matter

[0008] Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-15 and 21-34. These claims have not been amended herein, and therefore remain allowable.

Claim Amendments

[0009] Without conceding the propriety of the rejections herein and in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicant cancels claims 16-18 herein.

Substantive Matters

Claim Rejections under §101


[0010] Claims 16-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. In light of the cancelations presented herein, Applicant respectfully submits that rejection of these claims is moot and that the rest of the case should be passed along for issuance.

Conclusion

[0011] All pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact me before issuing a subsequent Action. Please call/email me or my assistant at your convenience.

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